Remarks

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Claim 1-14 and 18 23 and claims 24–27 canceled and replaced with new "process" claims 28-46.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 and 372 to:

Group I, claims 1-14 and 18-23, drawn to a fibre.

Group II, claims 24-27, drawn to a process of forming a composite material.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims directed to a process of forming a composite material. Original process claims 24-27 have been canceled and replaced with new process claims 28-46. Applicants election is made without traverse. Applicants election is made without prejudice to applicants right to continue prosecution of the non-elected claims in a properly filed continuing application.

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